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TO: EDWARD PEIZER, PH.D.
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REF: PEIZER/KAKURAI LTR , 11/12/77

1. DR. SHUICHI KAKURAI, DIRECTOR, TOKYO METROPOLITAN
PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE, HAS REQUESTED
MY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING FROM YOU THE PROTOCOLS FOR THE
ITEMS OF REHABILITATION EQUIPMENT WHICH YOU PROMISED TO
DR. KAKURAI IN REFLTR. PROTOCOLS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
CONTROL SYSTEMS ARE PARTICULARLY NEEDED.

2. I HAD VERY USEFUL DISCUSSIONS ON PROBLEMS RELATED TO
REHABILITATION WITH DR. KAKURAI, DR. FUNAKUBO, PROF. AT
UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO, AND MR. SHIGENO FROM MINISTRY OF
HEALTH AND WELFARE, AT DINNER AT MY HOUSE MARCH 24.
PROF. FUNAKUBO IS ONE OF FEW EXPERTS IN JAPAN ON REHABILI-
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TATION ENGINEERING AND IS PLANNING TO VISIT U.S. JULY 9
TO 23, 1978 AS HEAD OF MISSION TO STUDY STATUS OF
REHABILITATION ENGINEERING IN U.S. HIS ITINERARY SHOWS
MISSION WILL CALL AT VAPC ON JULY 17. HIS CONTACT AT
DHEW IS DR. TRAUB, DIRECTOR OF REHABILITATION ENGINEERING
AT RSA, WHO HAS FULL DETAILS OF THE FUNAKUBO MISSION.

3. DR. KAKURAI EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL CONCERN TO ME THAT YOU MAY BE DISTURBED ABOUT RELUCTANCE OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TESTING OF EQUIPMENT GIVEN AS GIFT TO JAPAN. HE HOPES THAT BUREAUCRATIC INERTIA WILL NOT INTERFERE IN WHAT PROMISES TO BE MOST USEFUL COLLABORATION IN THE INTERESTS OF THE HANDICAPPED.

4. YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION IN PROVIDING THE PROTOCOLS AND REPORTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY ALL CONCERNED, SO THAT TESTING CAN PROCEED.

SIGNED: JUSTIN L. BLOOM
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